GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:383
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
NAXALITE PROBLEM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Naxalite/People War Group violence that took place, number of persons killed/injured and property damaged therein during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001, till date, in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have constituted a Coordination Committee to deal with Naxalite/People War Group activities in various States;

(c) if so, the terms of reference and composition thereof;

(d) whether various Naxalite groups have also joined hands to work together as reported in `Dainik Jagaran` dated 7th October, 2001;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) whether Naxalite affected States have submitted their action plan and set up a joint Task Force to deal with the Naxal activities;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) the response of the Union Government thereto;

(i) the reasons for failure of the Government in dealing with the problem of Naxalites/PWG; and

(j) the steps taken by the Government to effectively deal with the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (j): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 FOR ANSWER ON 18.12 REGARDING NAXALITE PROBLEM

(a): Statements indicating the details of left wing extremist violence, number of persons killed (Annexure-I) and the property damaged in such incidents (Annexure-II) during the years 1999,2000 and 2001 (Upto 30 November) are enclosed.

(b) and (c): Keeping in view the multiple dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States, a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members was constituted on 26.6.1998. The Coordination Centre`s task is to regularly review and coordinate steps taken by the affected States to check activities of left extremist groups, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

(d): Reports indicate that Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and CPML- People`s War (PW) issued a joint statement in Patna in August, 2001 declaring the cessation of mutual hostilities and launching of joint action against the security forces and other `class enemies`. There are also reports that Indian left extremist groups and Maoists of Nepal are in contact with each other.

(e): State Governments have been sensitized about these developments. A close watch is also being kept over the activities of the Naxalite groups in close coordination with the concerned State Governments.

(f), (g) and (h): Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the affected areas, were received from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa and were recommended to the Planning Commission for earmarking separate funds for the purpose. The Planning Commission raised certain issues regarding institutional measures to make the administration responsible and strengthen delivery mechanism through greater involvement of the people. The Commission has also suggested the preparation of a detailed strategy in this regard, certain aspects of which could be supported. The State Governments concerned have been advised accordingly.

To meet the security related requirements of the left wing extremism affected States, a Scheme for reimbursement of 50% of the expenditure incurred by these States in combating extremist activities, has been implemented for expenditure incurred from 1.4.1996 onwards. So far an amount of Rs. 80.37 crores has been reimbursed to the States.

A Group has also been formed for coordinated action by the police forces of the affected States.

(i) and (j): `Public Order` and `Police` being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to curb left with extremist activities in the States. However, several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Central Government for combating left wing extremist activities including financial assistance under Modernisation Scheme to upgrade the operational capabilities of the State Police Forces, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs, and providing assistance of para military forces on need basis etc. have been taken by the Central Government and effectively followed-up.

CPML-People`s War (PW) and Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and their formations and front organizations have been recently notified as Terrorist Organizations under the provisions of Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE LEFT WING EXTREMIST VIOLENCE

Incidents (deaths)

State	1999	2000	2001 (Nov. 30)
Andhra Pradesh	602(151)	425(113)	408(173)
Jharkhand	+	+	315(186)
Bihar	481(378)	596(363)	151(97)
Chhatisgarh	+	+	79(30)
Uttar Pradesh	5(1)	4(4)	21(12)
Orissa	5(-)	15(3)	19(11)
Maharashtra	40(15)	35(11)	19(4)
Madhya Pradesh	95(47)	86(52)	17(2)
West Bengal	4(3)	4(2)	8(3)
Tamil Nadu	8(1)	5(-)	1(-)
Karnataka	5(2)	7(2)	-
Kerala	-	2(-)	-
Rajasthan	1(-)	-	-
Total	1246(598)	1179(550)	1038(518)

+ These States came into existence only in Nov. 2000. Figures for 1999 and 2000 are included in the figures shown against the former unified state i.e. Bihar will include Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh will include Chhattisgarh.

ANNEXURE-II

PROPERTY DAMAGED BY LWE GROUPS (Rs. in lakhs)

State	1999	2000	2001 (Nov. 30)
Andhra Pradesh	548.13	485.66	2025.82

Jharkhand	+	+	330.40
Bihar	46.15	226.84	9.00
Chhatisgarh	+	+	0.80
Madhya Pradesh	13.40	67.82	12.40
Maharashtra	33.32	32.53	42.64
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil	1.00
Orissa	Nil	2.24	Nil
Karnataka	12.00	.45	Nil
Total	653.00	815.54	2422.06

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